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Another Aide Gets HQ Job At \$8000 Pay

Young Lawyer
Will Assist
Special Consultant

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The Board of Education last night hired a young woman attorney as an \$8000-a-year assistant to one of its special consultants.

Miss Katherine M. Sortor of New London, Conn., was appointed by the board to the exempt position of special assistant for research and evaluation. Admitted to the Connecticut bar last year, she plans to take the examination for admittance to the New York bar, officials said.

Miss Sortor will serve as an assistant to Thomas R. Farrell Jr., another attorney serving the board as a special consultant on a six-month assignment which ends next May. Mr. Farrell is paid from special state funds made available to the board for surveys and studies, but is expected to be assigned shortly in another exempt position as a permanent board employee. His salary from the special state funds is now \$8000 for the six-month period.

Smith College Grad.

Miss Sortor was graduated from Smith College in 1955, having spent her junior year abroad at the University of Geneva. She took courses in education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education before teaching English in 1955-56 in Miss Fine's School, Princeton, N. J.

Deciding on a career in the law, Miss Sortor entered the University of Virginia Law School, from which she received the bachelor of laws degree in 1959.

She took a temporary job with Copp & Dupont in New London that year while waiting for an assignment with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington. She left CIA in August, 1960, and has since been employed as an administrative assistant in government contracting by Arthur D. Little Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

Garrison Explains.

Lloyd K. Garrison, member of the school board who recommended Miss Sortor's employment, said young lawyers with Miss Sortor's background would command an \$8000 salary as a beginner with any large city law firm.

Mr. Garrison also said that Miss Sortor's \$8000 pay is justified, even though teachers do not reach the \$8000 range until their 10th year of service if they have the equivalent of a doctorate, the 11th year if they have a master's degree, and the 12th year of service if they have a baccalaureate degree.

Mr. Garrison also said that the nature of Miss Sortor's work is such that her post could not be adequately filled by an attorney appointed from a civil service eligible list.